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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-213383, published August 15, 1997 (with English abstract).
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 58-38932, published March 14, 1983 (with English abstract).
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-136530, published May 22, 1998 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 24, 2003).
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-217014, published August 10, 2001 (with English abstract).
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-205788, published August 13, 1993 (with English abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for those indicated as previously submitted.

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